

REMARKS

Claims 5, 24, 35, 36, 42, 47, 48, and 50 are pending in the present application. Claims 5, 12, 18, 24, 35, 36, 38, 39, 41-44, 46-48, and 50-60 were presented for examination. Claims 12, 18, 38, 39, 41, 43, 44, 46, and 51-60 were cancelled by amendment.

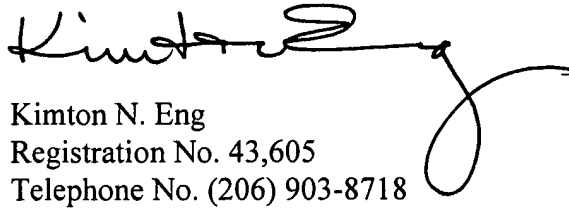
In the office action mailed August 23, 2006 (the "Office Action"), the Examiner rejected claims 38, 39, 41-44, and 46 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,725,349 to Langendorf *et al.* (the "Langendorf patent") in view of admitted prior art ("APA"). Claims 12 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Langendorf patent in view of the APA, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,952,745 to Dodd *et al.* (the "Dodd patent"). Claims 51, 52, and 54-58 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Langendorf patent, or alternatively, the Langendorf patent in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,947,050 to Jeddeloh (the "Jeddeloh patent"). Claim 53 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Langendorf patent in view of the APA, or alternatively over the Langendorf and Jeddeloh patents, in view of the APA. Claim 59 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Langendorf patent in view of the Dodd patent, or alternatively, the Langendorf and Jeddeloh patents, in view of the Dodd patent. Claim 60 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Langendorf patent, or the Langendorf patent in view of the Jeddeloh patent. Claims 5, 24, 35, 36, 47, 48, and 50 were allowed.

As previously mentioned, claims 12, 18, 38, 39, 41, 43, 44, 46, and 51-60 have been cancelled. The Examiner's rejections of these claims are now moot.

Claim 42 has been amended to change its dependency from cancelled claim 38 to claim 35. Claim 42 is patentable based on its dependency from allowable claim 35.

All of the claims pending in the present application are in condition for allowance.
Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

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